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However, the three dormitory housing buildings at Kearney will not be addressed under the current funding plans. separation, storage rooms over 50 square feet bulk and laundry areas over 100 square feet and boiler/furnace rooms require a one hour fire separation or sprinkler system throughout the facility. This is the last one I'll read. I guess there's some All eight housing units on both campuses fail to comply and ... and I could go on. But one ... one of the things we have to remember here is these are youth. They're between the ages of 12 and 18. They, in some cases, are locked in sections and we don't even meet fire/life safety codes of the Uniform Building Code at these two facilities in lots and lots of areas. And I'd be happy to provide this to anyone, and anyone who will listen to me, I... I make copies and give it to them. My concern is if we divert this 2 cents that...that we are going to set our whole building program even farther and farther behind, because these things, when our task force went out and saw in these buildings what was...the situation was, some of these things have been rectified but I'm not sure that would have happened had we not gone out and had senators not gone out, taken a look, and came back and stood on these mikes three years ago and talked and talked and talked about these issues. We were able to bring some changes and were able to get some funding, but we haven't even got halfway through the list or even part way through this list. We have lots...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR THOMPSON: ... of issues. We need to make sure we're going to fund the 309 Committee.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Thompson. Senator Wickersham, on the Tyson amendment.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Mr. President, I, obviously, support Senator Tyson's amendment because it goes to the heart of what I think this issue really is. Aside from all the talk that we've heard about providing aid to municipalities that do not need it, the other fundamental issue is whether or not we are going to be able to meet critical needs of the state. And I don't see any other way to meet the needs of the state for maintenance of